

Clearing the Way for Jesus

The newsletter of the Illawarra Prayer Network links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa, promotes prayer and facilitates church unity. A printer-friendly 2 x A4 PDF file of this newsletter is available at www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html. Please send prayer requests and feedback to prayer@5icm.org.au.
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Prayer

1. David Rankin from **Southern Illawarra Church of Christ** in Albion Park has sent through the following request for prayer support for '**Strength**', a mentoring and personal development program tailored to teenage boys throughout the Illawarra.

Investing in the lives of our future generation is paramount for a transforming society. In addition to SRE, Christian facilitated mentoring programs like 'Shine' (the equivalent program for girls) and 'Strength' transform the lives of students involved.

'Strength' helps participants transition from boys into men as they learn to identify themselves as being valuable with much to contribute to society. Key objectives include:

- Build confidence, self-awareness and courage
- Develop decision making and problem-solving skills
- Understand they are able to have a positive influence in their world
- Identify personal desires to motivate them to set and achieve goals.

Operating at Corrimal, Wollongong, Oak Flats, Lake Illawarra, 'Strength' is expanding to include Albion Park High this school term. Approximately 17 boys are selected at each school to participate in the program which runs over the school term.

Your weekly prayer support for the facilitators and all those involved in the program are highly desired and greatly appreciated.

If you would like to get involved as a Strength facilitator please contact David Widjaja (davidwidjaja7@gmail.com) or David Rankin (davidrankin7@outlook.com).

2. Rev. Geoff Flynn of the Uniting Church in Australia **Wollongong Mission - "The Church on the Mall"** emailed the following for prayer.

"The Illawarra Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia appointed the **Reverend Doo Ah Leeming** as its Tertiary Minister. Please pray for her as she engages with members of the Wollongong Mission congregation, with the students and staff of the University of Wollongong and relevant others, seeking ways to build up a new congregation, experimenting with forms of worship and ministry which will grow disciples for Jesus Christ beyond their university life."

3. Prayer is not just asking God for things. It is an exercise of faith. In prayer, we establish our communion, or fellowship, with God. It is an honour to have access to God in prayer. The way we go about the Father's business in His Kingdom, is in prayer. So, if God is your friend, spend time talking to Him, with Him, on behalf of Him, and interceding for others.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
Illawarra Prayer Network

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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsals – Tuesdays during school terms – all welcome.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville
Contact: [John Sandercock](mailto:John.Sandercock@wollongonggospelchoir.org.au) 0499 444 151

My Community Project Voting – voting closes 15th August

Berkeley Life Centre Op Shop Expansion and Laundromat Project needs Christians living in the Wollongong electorate to vote for them at the Service NSW website:

<https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/>
[Download instructions.](#)

Generocity Church Kiama has a project to build and strengthen the Kiama community. Their webpage is: <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/>

Men's Bootcamp - "Standing Firm" - Wednesday 14, 21 & 28 August

Venue: Upstairs "The Deck" at Ryan's Hotel, cnr Phillip & George Sts, Thirroul

Cost: \$20 Pizza opening night, \$10 following nights.

[Download flyer](#) for topics and speakers.

Training Day for "Makes You Wonder" - Saturday 17th August

Training in sharing the gospel by Ian Robertson.

Details: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kiama Jamberoo Uniting Church, cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts, Kiama. [Download flyer.](#)

Cost: free.

Contact: [Michele Broad](mailto:Michele.Broad@uniting.org.au), 0400 324 708.

City Women Illawarra 6th Annual United Event - Saturday 31st August

[Download flyer.](#) [Download program.](#)

Venue: 2-5pm Citylife Church, 2/129 Jardine St, Fairy Meadow

Cost: \$25 per person

Booking: trybooking.com/BEEDZ

Taizé Prayer - Sunday 1st September

Ecumenical Service using Taizé prayer and songs. [Download flyer.](#)

Venue: 6:00 p.m. St Paul's Catholic Church, 251 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

BWCB Coffee and Dessert Night - Wednesday 18th September

Fundraiser for northern Illawarra school Scripture Teachers.

Details: starts 7:30 p.m. See [BWCB webpage](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Kiama HymnSing - Sunday 22nd September

Hymn and chorus singing followed by afternoon tea.

Details: 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts.

Contact for song requests: Reuben (4233 2490) or Gail (4232 1630)

See the [Sicm Events page](#) for more events and the **Regular Events** list.